PUBLIC NOTICE

GE Plastics Mt. Vernon, Inc. Mt. Vernon Phenol Plant Partnership IND 006 376 362

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) invites public comments on the proposed issuance of a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Hazardous Waste Facility permit for GE Plastics Mt. Vernon, Inc. (GEMV) and Mt. Vernon Phenol Plant Partnership (MVPPP). The RCRA permit is comprised of a state permit and a federal permit and would authorize GEMV and MVPPP to operate two on-site boilers burning hazardous waste fuel at the Mt. Vernon Facility in Mt. Vernon, Indiana. The public comment period starts on August 8, 2003, and ends on September 22, 2003.

The U.S. EPA Regional Administrator has made the preliminary determination that the RCRA permit application for issuance is in compliance with applicable federal hazardous waste rules. Therefore, the RCRA permit should be issued.

The State of Indiana is authorized to administer its hazardous waste program in lieu of the federal hazardous waste management program, excluding the U.S. EPA promulgated RCRA standards for Boilers burning hazardous waste fuel, commonly known as the BIF Rule, and organic air emissions from containers and tanks.

The draft RCRA permit and application are available for public inspection and copying at:

The Alexandria Public Library 115 W. 5th Street Mt. Vernon, Indiana 47620

and

The U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 W. Jackson Blvd
Chicago, Illinois 60604.
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. weekdays

A copy of the draft permit and fact sheet will be mailed to any interested person if a request is made in writing to U.S. EPA, or by calling Wen Huang of U.S. EPA at (312) 886-6191. For a copy of the draft federal permit, or to submit comments on the draft federal permit, please contact:

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Through September 22, 2003, interested persons may make written comments on the draft federal permit. Requests for a public hearing on the federal permit must meet the requirements of 40 CFR Sections 124.11-124.13. A request for a public hearing shall be in writing and state the nature of the issues to be proposed at the hearing.

After the close of the public notice period, all comments and requests for all public information meetings or public hearings will be reviewed. A final determination on the issuance of the federal RCRA permit will be made at that time. A formal response to these comments will be prepared by the U.S. EPA. Notification of the permit decision will be provided to each person who submitted written or oral comments, or requested a notice of decision.